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MEMORANDUM: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Defense Strategy Seminar (DSS-75),
National War College

REFERENCE : Memorandum from [redacted] dated
30 June 1975 on the same subject

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1. As you suggested, I called Jack Marsh to follow up on the statements by him referred to in paragraph 4 of referent memorandum. Marsh said that perhaps he had not been too clear on this subject, but what he was referring to was the fact that nowhere in Government could he find a 22-minute world wrap-up of trouble spots, strategic minerals flow, etc. His point was that while he knew he could get a briefing on this subject, he felt that our Government should have training aids available in graphic form (possibly a videotape of the important world issues and problems or even slides with a written text) which members of Congress could use for their own edification and for talks with constituents and other groups.

2. I told Marsh I understood what he was talking about and, of course, with the world scene changing as rapidly as it is, these might have to be redone on a fairly frequent basis. In any event, I told him it was an interesting subject for thought and I would mention his views to our people. There is, of course, no real commitment for the Agency to do anything as a result of this conversation, but perhaps the day is not far off when we could produce videotapes on various subjects which could be made available to appropriate committees of the Congress for "quickie" briefings for individual members (assuming the committees would shake loose some of their own funds for a videotape machine).

3. Jack asked me to thank you for your thoughtfulness in having me follow up on this.

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☐ George L. Cary
Legislative Counsel

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Could you follow
up para 4 with
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30 June 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Defense Strategy Seminar (DSS-75),
National War College

1. In accordance with your request upon completion of your 16 June address at the National War College, attached hereto is a roster of participants in the seminar, which also includes their professional backgrounds.

2. Your presentation was extremely well received by the student body. Groups of participants were required to rate each speaker after his presentation, and, confidentially, of the fourteen speakers rated, you and Assistant Secretary of State Philip C. Habib tied for first place in my group.

3. A meaningful presentation on the functions of CIA at the Defense Strategy Seminar is, I believe, more far reaching and effective than those given at the 10 months courses at the various war colleges. The latter has what could be termed a government-oriented audience, consisting only of regular military officers and a select group of US government civilian employees. The Seminar on the other hand consists about ninety percent of reserve officers from various civilian professions, with a small number of government employees who hold reserve commissions. These range in reserve rank from majors and lieutenant commanders to major generals and rear admirals, and in this particular class included a congressman, a former congressman who once ran for president, and the clerk to the minority party of the US House of Representatives. The students came from throughout the nation and from as far as Hawaii and West Berlin. The seminar is therefore an excellent means for passing to the American communities the activities of CIA, particularly those which effect their everyday lives. Even

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though not clearly in line with national security (the subject title), may I suggest that in future presentations the Agency's roles in the field of narcotics control also be included, as well perhaps as attempts to penetrate terrorist organizations. These subjects hit "close to home." Aside from the image of CIA presented by the news media, the public seems to have very little knowledge of what CIA does. This was apparent during group discussions, particularly by those participants not from the Washington area.

4. The National War College adheres strictly to a non-attribution policy in regard to remarks made by speakers. I have asked and been given permission by the deputy commandant, MG C. D. Daniel, Sr. to mention the following point that may be of interest to you. One of the speakers was John O. Marsh, Jr., Counselor to the President. During his lecture Mr. Marsh stated that he wished he could obtain from someone the necessary materials for a twenty minute briefing (presumably for Congress), to include viewgraphs, showing the world's trouble spots, strategic minerals flow and occurrences, etc. This statement came as a surprise to most of us, since we felt that a phone call from the White House to CIA or the Defense Department would satisfy his needs. Perhaps Mr. Marsh is too new in his job to realize the services available to him. Unfortunately, Mr. Marsh left the War College in a hurry so that I had no opportunity to propose the Agency's services for this project. In our subsequent informal group discussion of the speech, which incidentally included Congressman Sam Stratton (CAPT-USNR), it was suggested to me that I inform you of Mr. Marsh's needs, and with the Deputy Commandant's approval I am herewith reporting it. Perhaps we can offer our assistance.



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